

# Study of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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Food and Nutrition Service

with

Urban Institute

NORC at the University of Chicago

Support Services International, Inc. (SSI)

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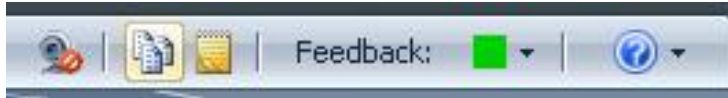
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# INTRODUCTION & CONSULTATION FORMAT

- Meeting Purpose
  - Introduce the study
  - Consult with Tribal Leaders
- Meeting Format

# LOGISTICS

Access to materials:



<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/tribal/>

How to make a comment or ask a question:

Type your question or comment using the Q&A Tab



Ask your question or comment on the phone

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# PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS

- To Join Introductions over the Phone:
  - Please Press \*1
  - Record your Name and Tribe

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# PART I. STUDY OVERVIEW

# TRIBAL PARTICIPATION

This meeting marks the start of a participatory process

- Two webinars in January
- Follow-up consultations with Tribes in study sample
- During the study, will need assistance from Tribes in study sample to make it a success
- Materials and updates on FNS' public website
- FNS' dedicated email address can be used by Tribes to send in questions: [tribalaffairs@fns.usda.gov](mailto:tribalaffairs@fns.usda.gov)

# PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

- Provide an updated description of participants and programs
- Gain a better understanding of why FDPIR participation has been declining
- Give USDA FNS the information necessary to improve the program



# STUDY BENEFITS for FNS & Tribes

- Provide current information to help FNS make decisions regarding the program
  - Identify needs of participants
  - Identify ways to make the program more beneficial to participants
- Provide knowledge that can be shared among Tribes and ITOs

# STUDY SNAPSHOT:

## PROJECT ORGANIZATION & PERSONNEL

- Study Sponsor: USDA FNS Office of Research and Analysis (ORA)
- Close collaboration with the Food Distribution Division (FDD)

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- Project Team
  - Urban Institute (UI): Nancy Pindus, Diane Levy, Chris Narducci
  - NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC): Carol Hafford, Suzanne Bard
  - Support Services International, Inc. (SSI): Walter Hillabrant
- Project Review: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and USDA

# STUDY SNAPSHOT: TENTATIVE TIMELINE

**Consultations** January 2012

**Instrument Design** January 2012 – August 2012

**Contact Selected FDPIR Programs** August 2012

**OMB Review** August 2012 – April 2013

**Data Collection** May 2013 – November 2013

**Briefing** August 2014

**Project Report** September 2014

Follow-up consultations with Tribes in study sample TBD.

# STUDY SNAPSHOT:

## Final Report

- Final Report in late 2014
  - Will combine findings across Tribes (demographics, eligibility, food products, delivery options, nutrition education, access to supermarkets)
  - Will include illustrative examples of certain programs
- Dissemination
  - FNS will publish the Final Report and post it on the website
  - FNS will share findings during stakeholder meetings
  - Tribes and ITOs can also share and disseminate the Final Report

# OPEN FOR CONSULTATION, QUESTIONS, & COMMENTS

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PART II.  
HOW THE STUDY WILL BE  
CONDUCTED

# STUDY DESIGN: KEY TOPICS

- Profile of participants
  - Demographics
  - Household composition
  - Employment
  - Economic hardship
  - FDPIR eligibility



# STUDY DESIGN: KEY TOPICS

- Other FDPIR Participant Information
  - Food storage and preparation
  - Accessibility to FDPIR (distance, transportation)
  - FDPIR contribution to food supply
  - Other sources of food assistance
  - Satisfaction with the program
  - Reasons for participation in FDPIR and other programs

# STUDY DESIGN: KEY TOPICS

- Program information
  - Nutrition education activities
  - Distribution methods
  - Factors affecting participation
    - Reasons for declining participation

# STUDY DESIGN: SAMPLING

- Brief overview of sampling
- Study to draw a nationally representative sample
- Sampling design
  - Fairness
  - Include ITOs of different sizes
- Sampling factors and options
  - Size, region, program participation trends
- Study results may be grouped by categories of sites, such as large versus small programs
  - No study results will be discussed in terms of a single Tribe

# DATA COLLECTION COMPONENTS

- Case record reviews
- Participant surveys
- Site visits
  - Staff interviews
  - Discussion groups with FDPIR participants and non-participants
  - Tour of facilities

# TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT

- Tribes selected for the sample will be asked to:
  - Work with our outreach staff to tailor information materials, procedures, and schedules for their Tribe
  - Advise us about Tribal protocols
  - Encourage participation in the survey and in site visits

# Upcoming Tasks

- Data collection instruments
- OMB Clearance Package
- Sample selection
- Outreach

# WE REQUEST YOUR INPUT

- We request your input on:
  - Strategies for encouraging participation by FDPIR staff and program participants in the sampled Tribes
  - Areas of potential concern about the study
  - Topics/questions to include that would help us to better understand why participation is declining
- We welcome other comments and ideas as well

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# PART III. NEXT STEPS

# NEXT STEPS

- How to provide input after this call
- Additional venues for discussion of the study
  - Consultation with participating Tribes
  - June NAFDPIR meeting
- REMINDER: Updates will be posted on FNS website
  - Such as Federal Register notice, data collection instruments for public comment, etc.

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